

# BIOREGIO achievements and Action Plan implementation in the Nitra Self-Governing Region, Slovakia

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# List of Actions

**Action 1:** Promoting the dissemination and application of the principles of the circular economy

**Action 2:** Elaboration of concept materials for use of bio-waste energy and support for the introduction of biowaste technologies

**Action 3:** Implementation of measures and projects aimed at streamlining the management system with communal waste, biodegradable communal waste and bio-waste

**Policy instrument:**

**Programme of the economic and social development of the Nitra Self-Governing Region**

# Action 1: Promoting the dissemination and application of the principles of the circular economy

## Achievements

At the beginning of 2020, the NSK Office approved the modified selection criteria for LEADER NSK projects. New project proposals submitted from 2020 must comply with a new criterion - the environmental focus of the project. Therefore, ecological projects or environmental protection projects are preferred. In the submitted grant application, these projects should have an allocation of at least 20% of the total amount of the requested grant.

Within the LEADER NSK framework, the Nitra Region also supports projects from the territory of local action groups (LAGs) focused on environmental activities and the circular economy. Eligible project holders within the LAGs can be municipalities, civic associations, social organizations and business entities. The value of one project can be max. 9,500 EUR

In 2020, 42 environmentally oriented projects were approved with a total funding exceeding 117,000 EUR that currently enforce the promotion of the circular bio-economy principles throughout the Nitra region.

## **Action 2: Elaboration of concept materials for use of bio-waste energy and support for the introduction of biowaste technologies**

### **Achievements**

**Within the OP Quality of Environment, the Nitra region submitted a project: “Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures”. The aim of the region’s strategy is to set low-carbon measures focused mainly on energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources.**

**Although the project submitted under the OP Quality of Environment was not approved, Nitra region is currently preparing an amendment to the generally binding regulation that includes a scheme for financing environmental activities in small municipalities with less than 500 inhabitants (most municipalities in the region).**

**Supported activities will include, e.g. vegetation roofs, rainwater harvesting, establishment of public greenery, removal of illegal landfills, waste collection points, composting plants, biological waste treatment technologies, etc.**

## **Action 3: Implementation of measures and projects aimed at streamlining the management system with communal waste, biodegradable communal waste and bio-waste**

### **Achievements**

**Through LEADER NSK programme, Nitra region supports the local economy in municipalities and increases the quality of the rural residents life.**

**For 2020, local action groups applied for the support of 196 projects. Within the submitted project proposals, there are many interesting investment and non-investment projects in the field of support for environmentally oriented projects submitted by civic associations and societies.**

**By the implementation of Action 3 the numbers of projects in the field of circular economy and environment through the LEADER NSK program are increased.**

**Small projects focused on e.g. supporting community bio- waste composting, reducing the environmental burden through waste treatment or educational activities in the field of waste separation for children show the growing potential and demonstrate the validity of the new environmental criteria set out in the LEADER NSK programme**

# What are we particularly proud of in BIOREGIO?

**Bio-based circular economy included in the policy instruments already in the initial stages of BIOREGIO implementation;**

**Support and implementation of specific projects with the support of LEADER NSK, which is highly inspiring for other partner regions;**

**Networking and knowledge transfer between active actors not only at regional but also at international level;**

**Raising awareness of the circular bio-economy and the possibilities of how to contribute to the fulfillment of its principles**

**Well-functioning group of stakeholders – smooth cooperation**

**Creating space for further collaboration within the region and beyond**

**Bio-based circular economy as a strong element in strategic development documents**

# What are we particularly proud of in BIOREGIO?

Our good practices...



**Leader NSK Programme**

**Association for Separate Waste Collection of the Ponitrie region**

**AgroBioTech Research Centre**

**Distillery in Jelšovce**



**Separate waste collection and composting (Veľké Turovce)**

**Community composting in Nitra**

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